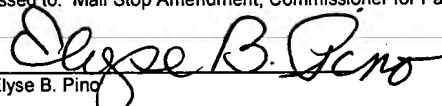




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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this application, each of the rejections set forth in the Office Action is addressed below. The claims as presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1-18 and 26-27 are pending in the application, of which claims 1 and 11 are independent. All pending claims stand rejected. No claims have been amended herein.